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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In addition to the Amendment and Response mailed September 27, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 57 and 62, added by the Amendment of September 27, 2000 (without prejudice); amend claims 47, 51, 59 and 61; and add claim 63 as follows:

47. (AMENDED) A method for introducing a heterologous gene into a target cell in a subject, which comprises the following steps:

(i) conversion of a subject's cell into a producer cell [capable of producing a replication defective retroviral vector], comprising introducing into the subject's cell:

first DNA sequence encoding a replication defective retroviral vector, which comprises

defective retroviral genome lacking functional *env* and functional *gag* *pol* genes [but having the remaining components essential for retroviral functions]; and